



Thursday 21st December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderfully festive week it has been at school this week! The children have shone brightly for their audiences with their acting, narrating and singing skills, with every child having the opportunity to take part in a performance this week. Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard behind the scenes to make these productions a success.

It was lovely that so many of you were able to join us for our performances this week and for the Christmas carol service this morning. It has been a fitting way to end the term joyfully and put us in the Christmas spirit. The children's singing this morning was beautiful; thank you to Mrs Place, Miss Lawrence and Miss Murray who helped to put the service together, and to Fr John for hosting it. The children had a fun day yesterday with their Christmas lunch and Christmas parties and games. They all looked great in their Christmas outfits and helped to raise £160 for Homelink. Thank you for your generosity.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with Miss Holloway and her family at this time. I have passed on all the cards and messages to her on your behalf. She was very touched and comforted by your thoughtfulness and kind words. In our discussions with Miss Holloway, she knows that parents are keen to do something as a gesture of support and she has been grateful for your patience as she has taken the time to consider what would be helpful. In the new year, she will share details with you of a website that is being set up, and nominating a charity that is close to their hearts, to which donations can be made.

We say au revoir to Mr Kennison today. Mr Kennison was our caretaker for a number of years until he took retirement last year. However, in the absence of a caretaker over the past few months, Mr Kennison very kindly offered to come back for a short while and he has been helping to look after our school site during this term. His generosity with his time and his dedication to the school is greatly appreciated. He has been a much-valued member of our team and we will miss him very much. We look forward to welcoming our new Facilities and Site manager in the new term.

And finally, I'm delighted to be able to share the happy news with you that Mrs Chawla is expecting a baby in the spring. Mrs Chawla will continue to work with us for the majority of the spring term before taking her maternity leave. We extend our congratulations and good wishes to Mrs Chawla and her family at this special time.

To all our families at Bishop Perrin School, on behalf of all the staff, we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support this term. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 9th January.

Have an enjoyable and restful festive break,
Miss Macklearn



School trips/events

Unless otherwise stated, children should wear school uniform for school visits (this includes school shoes). Children should bring a bag (school bag or other) to carry their packed lunch and water bottle in. If details vary to this they will be provided below within the specific trip section.

Year 4

9th February 2024 visiting Hampton Court. Children traveling via coach. Please complete the payment and permission slip by the 30th December within your child's [SCOPAY](#) account. Packed lunch required, either provide one from home or pre-book a school provided trip lunch [here](#). We may need an adult volunteer to help us with this trip, if you're available please let the office know.

Year 1

8th February 2024 visiting Windsor Castle. Travelling to and from the venue via coach. The cost for this trip is £9.60, please complete this payment by 30th December within your child's [SCOPAY](#) account. If you're in receipt of means tested free school meals this has been subsidised further. Packed lunch required, either provide one from home or pre-book a school provided trip lunch [here](#).

Celebration Worship



Well done to all the children who received their bronze, silver and gold certificates for their rewards this term.

Attendance

Last week's attendance: Friendship 88.67%, Endurance 95.33, Peace 95.86, Forgiveness 94.00%, Reverence 94.67%, Service 91.33% and Justice 94.83%.

Staffing news



We are delighted that Miss Becca Mullins, who has been teaching Reception class for the past few weeks, will be staying on to teach Reception class until February half term. Plans beyond this time will be made in consultation with Miss Holloway and will be shared with parents accordingly.

In the new term, we welcome Jane Poole to our staff team as a Teaching and Learning Assistant. Mrs Poole will be working with children across a number of classes, and we look forward to her getting to know the children and supporting them with their work. She will be mainly working with Year 3.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to those of you who have filled out our survey expressing an interest for a breakfast club. The feedback has been incredibly useful in helping us to consider alternative models for this kind of provision.

We have consulted with Koosa Kids about the possibility of having them facilitate a breakfast club for us, but unfortunately the attendance numbers indicated by the survey were too low to make it viable for them to do this.

In response to feedback suggestions, we are now exploring the possibility of a new model for before school care: a Morning Activity Club. This will be a similar format to our previous breakfast club but without the facility for serving breakfast. The job adverts will be live shortly and, dependent on the success of recruitment, we hope to be able to share more details with you in the new term.

In the meantime, the local authority are currently surveying parents about wrap-around care needs in the borough in order to help them to improve overall provision from September 2024. Please click [here](#) to complete the survey.



Newsletter

Class Texts – Spring Term

This term, the children have enjoyed reading a range of books as a key text in their English lessons. If you purchased a copy of one of the key texts to support your child in class and no longer have a need for it, please consider donating it to our school library so we can build up class sets of these books for future year groups. Thank you.

Please find listed below the key texts for classes for next term - they could make an ideal Christmas gift! We do have a supply of these books in school for use in class, but it is very helpful if your child is able to have their own copy.

Year	Spring 1	Spring 2
2	The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig – Eugious Trivizas	Claude in the City – Alex T. Smith
3	Midnights Feasts – An anthology of poetry	The Sacrab’s Secret Ancient Egypt: Tales of Gods and Phraoahs – Marcia Williams
4	The Devil and His Boy – Anthony Horowitz	The Last Bear – Hannah Gold
5	Street Child – Berlie Doherty	Pig-heart Boy – Malorie Blackman
6	The Jamie Drake Equation – Christopher Edge	The Giant’s Necklace – Michael Morpurgo

Year R and Year 1 read a range of picture books over the course of the term. There is not a need for them to have their own copy of the book, but they are welcome to bring one in if they have it.

Parent Consultations – Spring Term

Advance notice that our parent consultations for the spring term will be held on Wednesday 24th January 2024, 15:30 – 19:30 (all face-to-face appointments) and Thursday 25th January, 15:30 – 17:30 (face-to-face and telephone appointments).

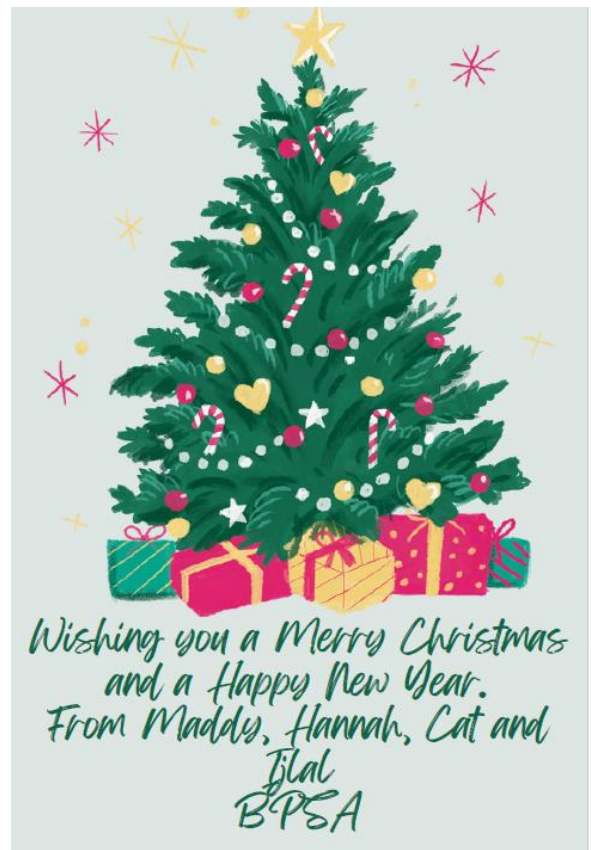
Following the successes of our autumn term model, once again we will hold the majority of our meetings face-to-face. For those who are unable to come into school, we will make appointments for telephone consultations, as these have proven to be more convenient for everyone to manage, rather than holding meetings online.

Booking will open in the new year.

Class Assemblies – Spring Term

These are held in the school hall at 8.55am. Next term, the following class will be doing their class assemblies:

- Year 4 - Thursday 18th January
- Year 5 - Thursday 1st February
- Year 3 – Thursday 21st March



If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children who attend Bishop Perrin C.E Primary School, these should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Mr Corke. In his absence, concerns should be reported to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss Macklearn. The School’s Safeguarding Governor is Lucy James